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STATUS REPORT
ON
COVERT ACTIONS IN VIETNAM
(Keyed to 8 December Report)

1. a. Montagnard (Highlander) Program:

Three hundred fifty trained Vietnamese in Thua Thien Province have been armed and are carrying out a program to identify Vietnamese Communist shadow village governments. Personnel are being divided into small teams which will live, work, and assist peasants. This program was begun in early December 1961 and the technique has proven to be an effective one.

b. Rural Reconstruction Operations:

No significant change.

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Two newly formed Clandestine Action Service (CLAS) units of approximately 130 men have begun training.

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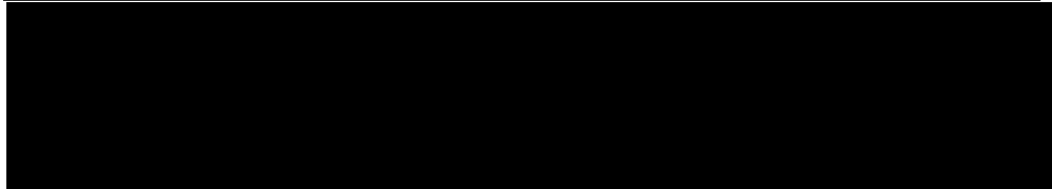
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d. Central Intelligence Organization:

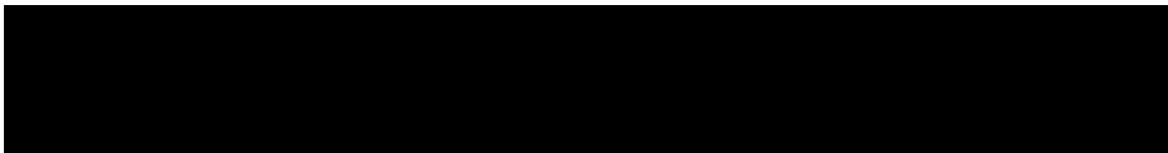
The first class of 40 officers who will form a basic cadre for the CIO returned from three months off-shore intelligence training. On-the-job training will be conducted in Saigon as the trainees are assigned specific jobs with the CIO.

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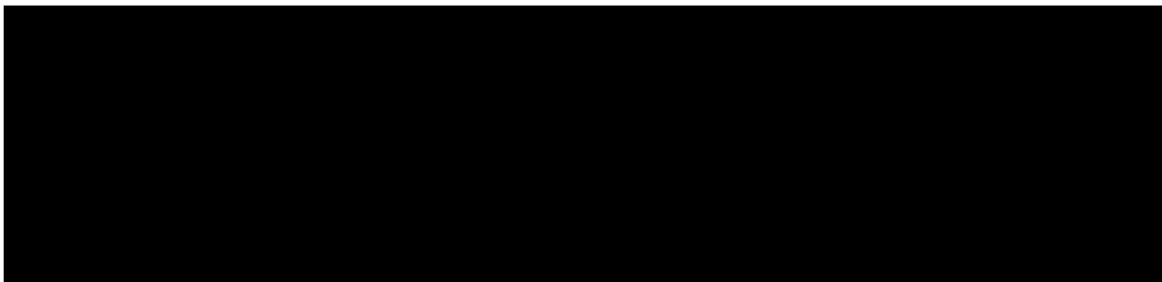
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7. Other Activities:

Arms have arrived for approximately 1500 of the programmed 3500 trained youth (Force Populaire) for nine provinces of Central Vietnam. Additional training is being given to the trained youth prior to dividing them into teams which will train small irregular defense forces in specific localities.

Two hundred Rhade irregulars are in training in Buon Enao near Ban Me Thuot. Fifteen 10-man action teams are ready to begin operations.



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A high level VC self-analysis of VC revolutionary effort obtained from captured document, which is a bulky document being pouched to CAS Headquarters.

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